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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Richard L. Scopp, et al.

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For: METHODS AND KITS FOR DECREASING  
INTERFERENCES IN PLASMA OR SERUM  
CONTAINING ASSAY SAMPLES OF SPECIFIC  
BINDING ASSAYS

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in connection with the Office Action  
mailed on August 10, 2004 in the above-identified application. A three-month  
extension of time is requested, and a fee therefor accompanies this paper.  
However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account  
No. 23-0785 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be  
required by this paper. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following  
amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.